

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 721 - HB 1646

March 30, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates the Board of Credentialing for Child Care Professionals within the Department of Commerce and Insurance Division of Regulatory Boards. The Board is charged with adopting professional assessment criteria, developing training and performance standards, and awarding all certification and credential requirements for child care professionals.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenue – \$429,100/

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Increase State Expenditures – \$28,500/One-Time/

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\$400,600/Recurring/**

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Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Commerce and Insurance, there are approximately 3,300 child care agencies and 1,500 before and after school and Pre-K programs currently within the state. The Department estimates that each agency and program will employ approximately six individuals resulting in 28,800 $[(3,300 + 1,500) \times 6]$ child care professionals who will receive credentialing within the provisions of the bill.
- According to the Department, the Board will hire an Executive Director, an Assistant Manager, an Administrative Assistant, and three Licensure Technicians.
- The Executive Director position will result in an increase in recurring expenditures of \$108,673 which includes salary (\$69,084), benefits (\$23,489), administrative cost allocation (\$11,200), communications and networking (\$1,600), office lease (\$2,700), and supplies (\$600). There will be a one-time increase in expenditures of \$3,800 which includes a computer and printer (\$1,800) and office set-up (\$2,000).

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- The Assistant Manager position will result in an increase in recurring expenditures of \$69,822 which includes salary (\$40,464), benefits (\$13,758), administrative cost allocation (\$11,200), communications and networking (\$1,600), office lease (\$2,200), and supplies (\$600). There will be a one-time increase in expenditures of \$3,940 which includes a computer and printer (\$1,940) and office set-up (\$2,000).
- The Administrative Assistant position will result in an increase in recurring expenditures of \$55,561 which includes salary (\$30,400), benefits (\$10,336), administrative cost allocation (\$11,200), communications and networking (\$1,400), office lease (\$1,625), and supplies (\$600). There will be a one-time increase in expenditures of \$2,940 which includes a computer (\$940) and office set-up (\$2,000).
- The three Licensure Technician positions will result in an increase in recurring expenditures of \$156,585 which includes salaries (\$83,664), benefits (\$28,446), administrative cost allocations (\$33,600), communications and networking (\$4,200), office leases (\$4,875), and supplies (\$1,800). There will be a one-time increase in expenditures of \$8,820 which includes computers (\$2,820) and office set-up (\$6,000).
- The Board will incur one-time expenditures of \$9,000 which includes rulemaking (\$5,000) and modifications to the regulatory board application system (\$4,000).
- It is estimated that the Board will incur recurring expenditures of \$10,000 for travel reimbursements for nine members to meet four times per year.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-29-121, all regulatory boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. The Board will establish licensure fees in an amount sufficient to cover the cost incurred to administer the regulatory and licensure functions of the Board.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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